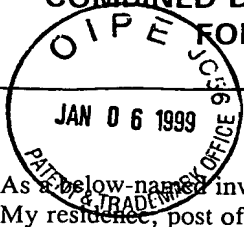


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FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

Attorney's Docket No.  
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